

**441—118.34(237A) Criteria for IQ4K—Level 2 rating standards for registered child development homes.** To be rated at a Level 2, an eligible registered child development home must satisfy all of the criteria in each of the six designated categories listed in Levels 1 and 2 or complete all of the criteria designated in its respective specialized tracks.

**118.34(1) Nutrition and physical activity.**

*a.* The program shall choose one of the following:

(1) The program shall actively participate in CACFP.

(2) The provider and coprovider, where applicable, shall complete all of the following as applicable to ages served:

1. Iowa CACFP Steps to Success module 2 lessons as identified by the department that cover the CACFP Meal Pattern.

2. Iowa CACFP Infant Training—Steps to Success module 15, parts one and two.

3. Iowa CACFP Wellness module—Meaningful Mealtimes.

*b.* The program shall identify and implement one physical activity goal from the completed action plan in Level 1.

**118.34(2) Professional development.** There shall be one person who meets the following criteria present on site in the program at all times.

*a.* The provider and coprovider, where applicable, shall complete ChildNet Training.

*b.* The provider and coprovider, where applicable, shall complete 15 hours or more of annual training hours of professional development.

*c.* The provider shall complete the medication administration skills competency course or other department-approved training and hold a valid certification of completion.

*d.* The provider shall also successfully complete a competency skills evaluation assessment checklist or department-approved equivalent and hold a valid certification of completion.

**118.34(3) Family and community partnerships.**

*a.* The program shall offer one conference with each family annually to discuss each child's progress, strengths and needs in all developmental areas. Programs shall share child assessment information with the child's family.

*b.* The program shall complete two activities annually that promote partnerships.

**118.34(4) Provider qualifications.** The provider and coprovider, where applicable, shall meet one of the following:

*a.* Two years or more of full-time experience in child care.

*b.* Six college credit hours or more in education specific to the age group for whom care is provided.

**118.34(5) Teaching and learning.**

*a.* The program shall develop and implement a daily schedule with predictable routines that are developmentally appropriate for all ages served.

*b.* The program shall develop and implement a policy that eliminates or severely limits expulsion, suspension, and punitive or other exclusionary discipline.

*c.* The program shall develop and implement policies regarding the use of an approved developmental screening tool for all children in care within 60 days of enrollment and at least annually to identify children who may need additional evaluation and intervention strategies.

**118.34(6) Environment.**

*a.* The program shall provide an environment supportive to, and encouraging of, culture, age, race, ability, special needs, and gender diversity.

*b.* The program shall develop and implement a policy regarding playground equipment stability and fall surfacing and inspection which are aligned with CFOC.

*c.* The program shall develop and implement a tobacco-free and nicotine-free policy.

*d.* The program shall annually complete and update Form 470-5679: IQ4K Quality Improvement Action Plan.

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